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Winners are Obama, Hoyer and Slots

by James Giese

As Greenbelt goes, so goes the state and the nation – at least this time – but not by nearly as much. Voters in Greenbelt, based on unofficial results, gave President-elect Barack Obama an overwhelming victory in this city with 86 percent of those voting supporting the Democratic candidate. Springhill Lakers gave the Obama-Biden ticket their highest margin with 28 votes for every one for the McCain-Palin ticket. Greenbelt East, voting at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and Turning Point Academy, also gave Obama strong support casting over 90 percent of their votes for him and vice-presidential candidate Joe Biden. Least supportive, but with still a 3-1 vote in support of Obama was precinct 21- 6, Greenbelt North End voting at Greenbelt Elementary School.

Republican candidate John McCain and running mate Sarah Palin were able to get only 1,027 out of 8,202 votes cast for President in Greenbelt. Ralph Nader garnered only 54 votes in his third presidential election cam-

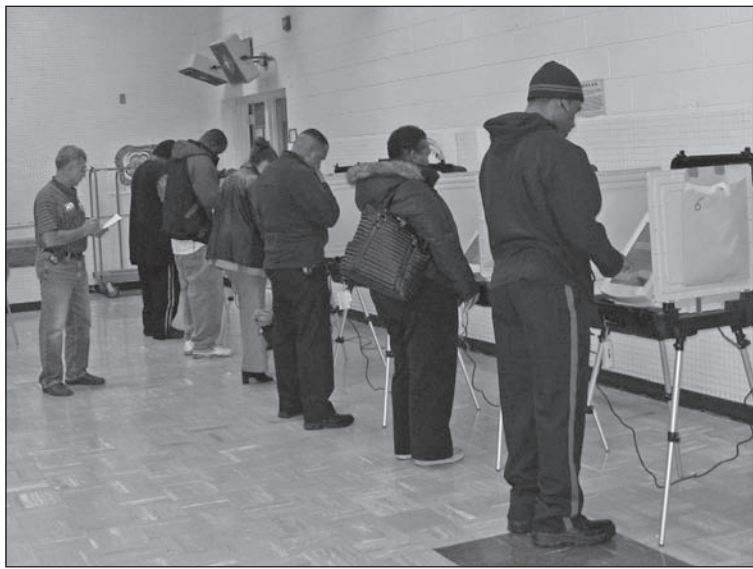


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Empirian Village residents vote in record numbers at the Springhill Lake Elementary School.

paign, only about one percent, but more than any other minor party candidate achieved.

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer again handily won in Greenbelt and in the Fifth Congressional District. Although the number of votes cast for him fell short of the number cast for Obama, he garnered a higher percentage of votes cast in his race (88 percent) than Obama

did in his (86 percent). This was primarily due to Hoyer doing better at Greenbelt Elementary School than Obama.

Candidates for judges and for member of the county Board of Education, all running unopposed, were elected easily.

Ballot Questions

Greenbelt voters approved the

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Council and County Executive Hold a Wide-ranging Meeting

by Thomas X. White

The Greenbelt City Council held an informative and productive stakeholder meeting with County Executive Jack B. Johnson on October 29 with a fairly wide-ranging agenda. Probably because it had been long since council had had a chance to meet with Johnson, the lengthy agenda included recent burning issues and updates as well as longstanding areas of concern.

Although some items overlapped, 11 specific topics were on the agreed agenda: Greenbelt Middle School, Support for Volunteer Fire Companies, Greenbelt Station Development, City Opposition to the ICC and the extension of Kenilworth Avenue. Other public safety issues explored were landlord-tenant concerns, the county's Transit Service and Operational Plan (TSOP), support for the Purple Line, permit processing; continued investment in established communities and appreciation for past efforts and accomplishments.

All five councilmembers were present. Accompanying Johnson were his Chief of Staff Michael Herman, Municipal Liaison Obie Pinckney and Special Assistant to the County Executive Paula Burr. Also attending were Tamika Bumbrey, representing County Councilmember Ingrid Turner, several representatives of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc.

(GVFD&RS), including its President Chris Fleshman and members Dicky Wynkoop and Kenny Stair. Buddy King represented the Prince George's County Volunteer Chiefs' Association.

After expressing appreciation for Johnson's taking time from his busy schedule to meet with council, Mayor Judith Davis started off the agenda by thanking the county executive for the Gateway median improvements on Kenilworth Avenue, including the flower beds and their upkeep. The city also appreciated participating in the Homeland Security Summit and Economic Development briefings held by the county.

Davis noted efforts undertaken by the county executive and the council to find a solution to the financial difficulties experienced by the Prince George's County Hospital System. She expressed the city's hope that these will succeed in maintaining and improving the health facility for county residents.

Johnson echoed this hope and noted that a new seven-member board of county and state appointees will be in place. They will review the responses received on Requests for Proposals and will select a qualified organization to manage the hospital system.

Middle School

Davis and councilmembers next updated Johnson on efforts

to include construction money for a new Greenbelt Middle School (GMS). They described the nearly last-minute efforts by the city and the Board of Education with Councilmember Ingrid Turner's help to obtain planning funds within the state's Capital Projects Budget for a new school building.

Johnson expressed appreciation for those efforts. He said he will follow up by including in his 2010 and 2011 budget requests for the engineering and construction funding for the school. He was impressed with the community's support for the new school. Council also noted they recently had attended the opening of the new "green" Vansville Elementary School. They hoped that GMS would also be a green school.

The next agenda item involved longstanding and more recent conflicts concerning the relative status of the county's paid firemen and volunteer firefighters. The city placed the issue on the agenda to request support for the volunteer fire companies. Council noted it would be to everyone's benefit that a resolution be reached.

Johnson responded that he is not interested in past battles; he is convinced, he said, that the volunteer firefighters represent an

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Grant Program Will Help Make Home Modification

by Diane Oberg

In a regular meeting with few agenda items on October 27, the Greenbelt City Council gave the go ahead to a new program to financially assist low-income seniors and disabled adults who need to modify their homes and to support yet another legislative effort, this time by the City of Bowie, to gain greater planning and zoning authority. The council also renewed the fire house lease for two years, enabled a vendor to be used to install surveillance cameras at Spellman Overpass, asked staff to try to arrange a swearing-in service for new citizens in the city on or near Greenbelt Day Weekend and reappointed four citizens to boards and committees.

Help for Seniors

Council unanimously authorized the city staff to proceed with establishing an "Accessible Greenbelt" program to help lower-income residents to stay in their homes. The costs of the program will be offset by a \$40,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). In the past, Greenbelt had used CDBG

funding for street and sidewalk programs in neighborhoods meeting U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) income limits. In recent years, relatively few neighborhoods met those limits and, said City Manager Michael McLaughlin, the city has run out of qualifying public works projects to do in those neighborhoods.

This year, the city was approved for a CDBG public service program. Staff proposed using the funds to provide one-time grants of up to \$4,000 for home modifications to low-income seniors and disabled adults. City residents meeting HUD criteria, including an annual income of less than \$43,050 for single person households and \$49,200 for two-person households may apply for these grants for improvements such as motorized stair lifts, widening doorways and purchasing shower chairs, among others. The city will advance the funds, then seek reimbursement from Prince George's County. The

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ACE Meets with Local School PTA Representatives

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) met with school PTA representatives and parent liaisons on October 28. This meeting is held annually to hear the accomplishments and issues of each PTA in a Greenbelt school. The schools comprise the public schools that are located in Greenbelt or serve Greenbelt students as well as non-public schools in Greenbelt.

Representatives participated from Greenbelt, Springhill Lake and Magnolia Elementary Schools, Greenbelt Middle School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. There were no representatives present from Turning Point Academy or St. Hugh's School.

Jon Gardner, ACE chair, began the meeting with a discussion of the history of the advisory committee and its many activities. The ACE Reading Club began as an ACE program but is now staffed by the city. He announced that the club is on hold for this school year as Liz Murray, the city staff person, is

moving to England for a year.

Greenbelt Middle School

The renovation/rebuilding of Greenbelt Middle School was touched on again at this meeting. However no movement has been made; the state has still not signed off on the project. The rebuilding of the school has been on the capital improvement plan for 20 years. There was discussion as to what the city or schools could do to try to get the middle school building program approved at the state level. Anne Gardner, Greenbelt Elementary School PTA president, stated that her school might send a petition to the state. She urged other schools to consider doing the same.

The major discussion was how to get more participation in the PTA at many of the schools. Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) traditionally has had the most active of all of the local PTAs. Vijay Kowtha, PTA president, commented that they

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What Goes On

Saturday, November 8

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between Municipal Bldg. and Community Center

Tuesday, November 11 –

City and GHI offices closed in observance of Veterans' Day.

Greenbelt Elementary Held Its Own Mock Election

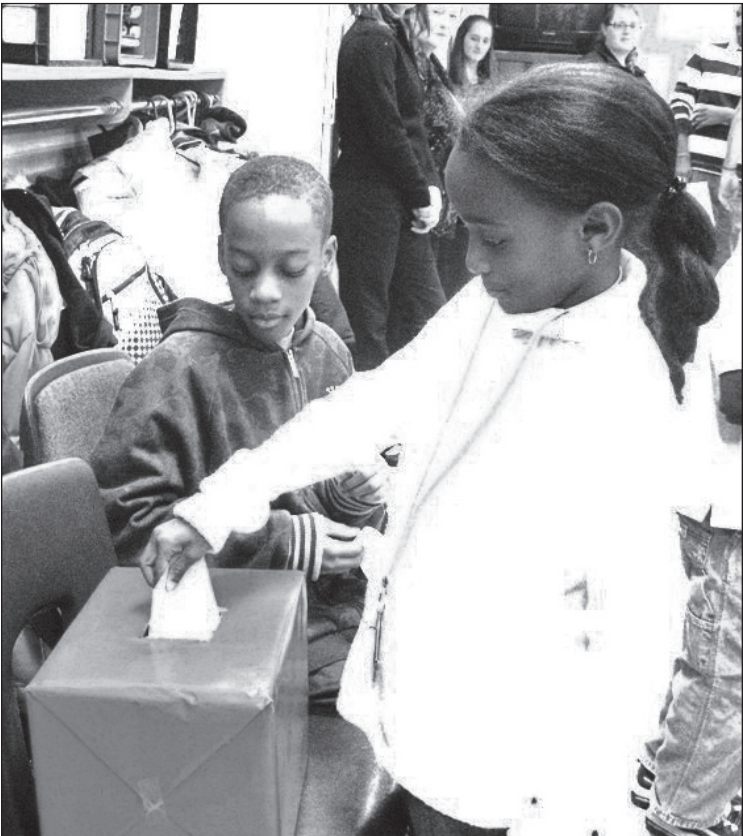
by Anne Gardner

Elisabeth Smith’s Greenbelt Elementary School fifth grade class held a mock election at school last week. In the weeks leading up to the election, they formed committees to research candidates Obama and McCain; and the Democratic and Republican parties. “I learned how the electoral college works and what the elephant and donkey mean,” said Lucero Cortez-Salazar.

On their designated election day, the fifth graders went into second through sixth grade classes to make presentations about

the candidates and invited the staff and students to vote in special voting booths they had made for the event. Participating students received “I voted” stickers. ESOL teacher Min Hou commented that this was her first chance to cast a vote in the U.S. There were even some absentee ballots from sixth grade students who were on a field trip that day.

The fifth graders counted the votes and announced a landslide victory for Obama, with 375 votes to McCain’s 25 votes.



Second grader Taylor Carrion votes, while fifth grade poll judge Damon Barnes watches.

PHOTO BY DARA CASE

CCRIC Holds Air Quality Talk Nov. 13

On Thursday, November 13 at 7 p.m. Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC) will sponsor a special presentation by Dr. William Stockwell (Howard University) about “Tracking Air Quality” at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. All are invited.

Seven Ways to Slash College Costs

A free workshop for parents of college-bound high school students will be held twice during the month of November at the Community Center.

The workshop will focus on little-known ways of getting money for college, such as how to double or triple eligibility for free grant money and the secret to sending a student to a private or Maryland school for less than the cost of a junior college.

The workshop dates are Wednesday, November 12 from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. and Saturday, November 15 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Susan Newland, an expert on paying for college, will lead the workshop. For reservations call 301-595-2793 or email rnewland821@yahoo.com.

Local High School Choirs Perform

On Wednesday, November 12 at 7:30 p.m., the University of Maryland hosts the Seventh Annual High School Choir Invitational. This is a free showcase for the area’s most talented high school choirs in concert with UM choral ensembles. This event takes place in Dekelboun Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

Grin Belt



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"We have to practice a lot harder to get a chance to play at the inaugural ball

“Love Lessons” Program Cancelled

Nicole DeWald, arts supervisor for the City of Greenbelt, announced the cancellation of “Love Lessons from Abu Ghraib” which was to take place on Thursday, November 6 at 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

The city regrets the cancellation, which was due to insufficient advance ticket sales. All who purchased advance tickets will receive refunds and every effort was made to contact those with reservations to inform them of the change.

Correction

In last week’s Greenbelt Primary Re-cap story, it was reported that 47 percent of registered Democrats and 29 percent of registered Republicans voted, for a total of 76 percent of Greenbelters eligible to vote in primary elections. A reader pointed out that it is statistically incorrect to add these numbers. We agree. Of the total number of persons registered in Greenbelt for the primary, 45 percent voted, not 76 percent.



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Monday - Thursday
*5, 8

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Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. two days beforehand to ensure that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 for information and to make reservations.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for November 10 through 14 include:

Monday – Chicken noodle soup with crackers, sliced ham with fruit sauce, scalloped potatoes with cheese, broccoli flowers, sweet cherries.

Tuesday – All sites closed for Veterans Day observance.

Wednesday – Cranberry juice, vegetable lasagna, mixed green salad, stewed tomatoes, peach supreme.

Thursday – Apple juice, pulled chicken barbeque on a soft bun, broccoli slaw, seasoned black beans, baked apples.

Friday – Grape juice, stuffed cabbage with sauce, whole boiled potatoes, vegetable medley, lemon parfait.

GHI Notes

Scheduled Meetings:
Tuesday, November 11, Veteran’s Day – Offices Closed

Wednesday, November 12, 7 p.m., Nominations and Elections Committee, GHI Library
7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee, GHI Board Room

Monday, November 17, 6:45 p.m., Communication Committee, GHI Lobby

7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room

Tuesday, November 18, 8:30 a.m., Ad Hoc Yard Line Committee, GHI Library

Wednesday, November 19, 6:45 p.m., Investment Committee, Board Room

7 p.m., Woodlands Committee, GHI Lobby

7:30 p.m., Finance Committee, Board Room

Thursday, November 20, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend and participate.

Synagogue to Hold Blood Drive Nov. 16

On Sunday, November 16 Mishkan Torah will host a Red Cross blood drive from noon to 4 p.m. Drop-ins are welcome or an appointment can be scheduled ahead by contacting Benton Parks at benparks58@yahoo.com. Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road.

At the Library Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, November 11, Library Closed for Veterans Day.

Wednesday, November 12, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, November 13, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children’s Desk.

Explorations Programs On November 7 and 14

Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Greenbelt residents Laura and Shawn O’Neil on Friday, November 7 to share information about modifications that allow people with impaired vision to lead more meaningful and independent lives. They will demonstrate magnification devices and there will be an opportunity for hands-on exploration of auditory and tactual tools, including reading a message written in Braille. Participants will also be given suggestions on being more at ease when speaking with, guiding or providing assistance to a visually impaired person.

November 14

Greenbelt Community Center Artist-in-residence Russ Little will introduce his work of making original art cloth using a variety of dying and printing techniques. on November 14. Participants will have the opportunity to meet the artist, learn about the creative process and see his works of art cloth, quilts and wearable art.

Both presentations will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Senior Classroom, Room 114, at the Greenbelt Community Center. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information call 301-397-2208.

Scouting for Food Saturday, Nov. 8

Many Greenbelters got plastic bags announcing the annual Scouting for Food “Good Turn” campaign to be held on Saturday, November 8 with pickups between 9 a.m. and noon. The bags were distributed throughout the region on November 1 by Boy Scout Troop 746 and Cub Scout Pack 202 of Greenbelt.

Non-perishable canned and packaged food items are acceptable; however, the Greenbelt Boy Scout troop asks that residents check the expiration dates on foodstuffs before including them in their donation. No glass containers can be accepted. Food donations should be put in the bags and left outside the front door before 9 a.m. this Saturday. The food will be picked up by Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts for delivery to a food bank in the area for re-distribution to local people in need. Donations are much appreciated.

Each fall Scouting for Food collects more food donations than any other drive in the area. The current economic strain placed on Americans has led to empty shelves at local food banks. This year’s goal is to exceed one million pounds of food.



Co-op Offers Shop Healthy Series

The fall “shop healthy” event at the Greenbelt Co-op is entitled “Fabulous Fats & Productive Proteins.” It takes place on Wednesday, November 12 at 7 p.m. Fall and winter are the seasons in which to incorporate more fats and proteins into the diet because they are such important foods for the body.

This tour will help to clear up several myths surrounding healthy fats and protein sources. Most of the focus will be on legumes, nuts, oils and seeds; however, Meat Department Manager Victor McEntee will discuss some of the healthier animal protein alternatives offered at the Co-op. Participants will also learn a few food combining tips to improve digestion and energy.

This Week’s Music At New Deal Café

There’s something for everyone this week at the New Deal Café. On Friday, November 7 from 8 to 11 p.m., hear the band “The Lost Patrol” with twangy sounds and dark twists and turns. On Saturday, November 8 from 8 to 11 p.m. there will be Middle Eastern music and belly-dancing by “Ishtar.” Sunday, November 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. brunch will feature lute music with Jim Stimson.

On Tuesday, November 11 from 7 to 9 p.m., the acoustic indie-pop band “The Sways” will rock the stage. On Wednesday, November 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. enjoy foot-stomping music with the Cajun Music Jam – all dancers welcome. Thursday, November 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. there will be an open microphone session.

For more information call 301-474-5642 or check out the website www.newdealcafe.com.

Mishkan Torah Holds Potluck Supper, Talk

The Social Action Committee of Mishkan Torah Synagogue is sponsoring a potluck supper and speaker on Friday evening, November 14 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Join in by bringing a dairy or meatless dish to share, attend services and hear Mishkan Torah member David Norken speak on newly-enacted changes in employment discrimination law. Norken is an administrative judge with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Baltimore Field Office.

He will talk about the broadening of the definition of disability that has resulted from the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Amendments Act that passed this September and which should result in increased eligibility for workplace accommodations.

Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road.

Computer Club Meets Thursday

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its November meeting on Thursday, November 13 at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 103 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Mishkan Torah Has Rummage Sale

The Mishkan Torah Sisterhood will hold its annual rummage sale Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, November 9, 10 and 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine. The sale includes clothes, toys, household items, books, objects of art, small furniture and other miscellaneous items.

Mishkan Torah is at 10 Ridge Road. For further information call the synagogue at 301-474-4223.

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Week of Nov. 7

FRI. - SAT.

Zack and Miri Make a Porno, R

11:20, 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50

Saw 5, PG-13

11:35, 1:50, 4, 6:10, 8:20, 10:30

Soul Men, R (!)

11:20, 11:45, 1:40, 2:15, 4:30, 4:50,

7:15, 7:45, 9:50, 10:20

Madagascar 2, PG (!)

11:35, 11:50, 1:50, 2:10, 4, 4:30,

6:10, 7:15, 8:20, 9:30

The Haunting of Molly Hartley, PG-13

10:30

The Secret Life of Bees, PG-13

12:30, 3:05, 5:25, 8, 10:30

High School Musical 3, G

12:25, 3, 5:30, 8, 10:30

SUN. - THUR.

Zack and Miri Make a Porno, R

11:40, 1:50, 4:05, 6:15, 8:30

Saw 5, PG-13

11:50, 2, 4:20, 6:25, 8:30

Soul Men, R (!)

11:40, 12:30, 1:50, 3:05, 4:10,

5:35, 7, 8

Madagascar 2, PG (!)

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8:15

The Haunting of Molly Hartley, PG-13

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The Secret Life of Bees, PG-13

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High School Musical 3, G

12:25, 3, 5:30, 8

NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS



FALL GUTTER CLEANING PROGRAM

Hearn Insulation Company will begin the 2008 Fall Gutter Cleaning on **December 1**, weather permitting. The process will take approximately 1 month to complete. During that time, workers may appear at your building, at doors and windows. Please close your shades to preserve your privacy.

Please contact Peter Joseph at (301) 474-4161 ext. 141 if you have any questions or comments.

NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

Leaf bags will not be available at the GHI Main Office when the supply we have on hand has been distributed.

You will be able to pick them up at garage #21 on Parkway Road on November 8 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm



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Obituaries

Duane Bowman

Duane (Bo) Ronald Bowman, USN (Ret.) of Greenbelt died on October 29, 2008, at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. He had just turned 86.

He was born in Illinois, the fourth of five children. Bo joined the Navy in 1938 and retired as a chief gunner's mate, specializing in underwater demolition. After retirement from the U.S. Navy, he married his late wife Maise and served as a captain with the Washington Park Police.

In later years Bo and Maise ran the "Gunner's Mate" concession at Greenbelt Lake and the Municipal swimming pool. They hired many Greenbelt youngsters, often giving them their first summer jobs..

Following Maise's death Bo lived at Green Ridge House. He was an avid Redskins and NAS-CAR racing fan.

He is survived by his brother Gene Bowman and his wife Tee-na, niece Pam Norway, nephews Steve and Jackie Bowman and caregiver Richard Castaldi.

Bo will be buried at Arlington Cemetery where Maise is buried. The interment will be private.




Alice Pearlman

Alice Migdal Pearlman, wife of Frank Pearlman and mother of Shimon (Sheldon) Pearlman died Saturday evening, October 31, 2008, at Arcola Nursing Home where she had been in hospice care. Death was due to complications of a stroke that she suffered in her home on Labor Day weekend. Frank and Alice were married for over 50 years. They have lived in their home on Plateau Place for over 30 years.

Alice was very active in many projects and activities held at Mishkan Torah. She also was active in the Chesapeake Region of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation. Much of her activ-

ity was done behind the scenes, leaving the honors and spotlight open to others. However she made certain that whatever activity was occurring had proper coordination both physically and fiscally. (Before retirement she was a professional bookkeeper for a number of firms.)

Her funeral was held on Tuesday, November 4 at Mishkan Torah. Over 200 people attended. Interment was at Mount Lebanon Cemetery in Adelphi. Shiva min-yons were held at Mishkan Torah at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week due to the fact that attendance was too large to hold them in the home.



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Why did God create us?**

God is the Creator of all things. He has made the heavens and earth, the animals and the human being. The reason behind our creation, we are told by Bahá'u'lláh, is love. He said: *"O Son of Man! I loved thy creation, hence I created thee. Wherefore, do thou love Me, that I may name thy name and fill thy soul with the spirit of life."*

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Mishkan Torah Congregation
10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

Friday evening services 8:00 PM except first Friday of the month, when children's service begins at 7:30 PM

Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM
Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.

For further information call 301 474-4223 www.mishkantorah.org
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— The Holy Qur'an, 27:40

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Free Faculty Recital


The Washington Bible College (WBC) music faculty will present a free faculty recital this Saturday evening, November 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Miles Hall on the WBC campus (across the street from Doctor's Hospital) and will feature Janice Wood and Carol Wolfe-Ralph, pianists; Michael Mentzel, baritone; David Reynolds, guitarist; the WBC Concert Choir; and a small group, One Voice.




**Catholic
Community
of Greenbelt
MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church
3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi
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Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community
November 9, 10 a.m.
"Walking Together"
by Rev. John Manwell with Tosha O'Neal, worship associate (Together Time) From our religious ancestors commitment to "walk together" in the ways of God – it is still our purpose to "walk the walk" and look at what this might mean in the daily life we share.




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www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 10:00am
Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am



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301-474-4322



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Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd



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Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212
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Welcome!

Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship Service
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

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Bible Study & Worship

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10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship

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Obituaries

Vera Mae Sowers



Lifetime Greenbelt resident, Vera Mae Garner Sowers, 75, died peacefully on October 20, 2008, at Sacred Heart Home in Hyattsville. Part of a Greenbelt pioneer family, the Garners, Mrs. Sowers grew up in her grandmother's family. Mrs. Sowers graduated from Greenbelt High School (which is now Greenbelt Middle School) and enjoyed attending the yearly Greenbelt High School reunions at the Greenbelt American Legion. She married at a young age and worked for the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket where she came to know many people. After her death some of these people came into the store, where her daughter

now works, to speak of their remembrances of her mother. She and her husband moved to Laurel. After their divorce she moved back to Greenbelt. She worked for the Mason Company. When the company closed she went back to college at the age of 40. She then worked for the U.S. government from which she retired. As a child Mrs. Sowers attended Holy Cross Lutheran Church. She attended the church as an adult. Previously in good health Mrs. Sowers died unexpectedly. She is survived by her son Arlis Sowers of Keedysville, Md.; daughter Annie Sowers; granddaughter Ashlie; grandson Andrew; sister Ann Garner Terratt; and brother Buddy Garner. A memorial service was held on Saturday, November 1 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

Hospice to Offer Hope Full Holidays

A team of hospice bereavement counselors will present the "Hope Full Holidays" seminar for adults, age 18 and older, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, November 8 at the Hospice of the Chesapeake offices, 445 Defense Highway in Annapolis. Children, ages 8 and up, are in-

vited to attend. Approaches are provided for reshaping traditions; information is given about the grief process and the way that grief manifests itself on the body-mind-spirit. There is a fee and pre-registration is requested. Call 410-987-2129 for details.

The New Deal Café Cooperative will have a special membership meeting in the Café on Sunday Nov 16 at 6pm to provide an update and take action on the following motions:

PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE BYLAWS (found at newdealcafe.com and a paper copy to read at the Café on request)

- In III.1, to omit the fifth and sixth sentences.
- In III.1, to replace the third paragraph by: "Renewing membership in the Cooperative requires payment of \$15 annual dues. The membership year runs from one week after an annual meeting to one week after the following annual meeting. Payment of the membership fee makes a person a member for the membership year in which said fee is paid."
- In III.1, to replace "\$15" by "\$25".
- In III.2.b, to omit the last 3 sentences.
- In III.3, to replace the last 3 sentences by: "Current or former members may loan money to the Café only upon completion of a written agreement with the Board for which total interest and other costs do not exceed the current prime interest rate."
- In IV.7a, to replace "sometime before the meeting" by "before voting begins"
- In IV.7b, to replace "who have been members for at least six months" by "are members".
- In IV.7c, to omit the last five words.
- In IV.7d, to replace the next-to-last sentence by "Voting by proxy shall be allowed only for elections to the Board of Directors. Proxies must be signed and dated. Proxies must be delivered by a member to the secretary at the meeting. A member shall deliver at most one such proxy. Proxies must state the names of the candidates to be voted for."
- In V.2, to omit the last sentence on balloting, but add a better specification to the Special Rules Of Order:
- In V.3.a, to replace "five out of ten consecutive" by "three".
- In V.3.b, to replace "a plurality of 50 percent or more" by "majority vote".
- In V.3.c, to replace "more than three seats on the Board of Directors shall become vacant" by "a vacancy on the Board leaves less than three Directors who have been elected by the membership"
- In V.4.c, to replace "an auditor or auditing agency" by "a certified public accountant as required by Article VIII, Section 4"
- In V.4.h, to replace "three years" by "two years" and to replace the last sentence by "Copies of all these documents shall be made available to all members at the annual meeting and at the café."
- In VI.2, to omit "with the consent of" and "he or she".
- In VIII.4 and VIII.7, to omit the second sentence of each.
- In VIII.8.a, to omit the last sentence and insert "in excess of \$5,000" before "shall be adopted".

PLEASE JOIN US AND BE PREPARED TO UPDATE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES OF \$15!



City Information

NOVEMBER IS MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT MONTH!

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
City Offices will be closed Tuesday, November 11th, in observance of Veterans' Day.
The GREENBELT CONNECTION will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE
Week of November 10th
Monday Route – Collected Monday
Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday
Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday
Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, November 14th.

DONATION DROP-OFF
American Rescue Workers
Saturday, November 8, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.
Parking lot between City Office and Community Center
Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.
Vacancies exist on the:
Forest Preserve Advisory Board,
Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, and the Youth Advisory Committee.
For more info call 301-474-8000.

Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov and take a fun quiz. Greenbelt Kids in grades k-6 can win a prize!

MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 10-15

There are no scheduled meetings for this week. There will be NO CITY COUNCIL MEETING on Monday, November 10th.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed below, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

LEAF VACUUM COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER
Nov. 10 – 14 Boxwood
Nov. 17 -21 Woodland Hills, Windsor Green, Greenbrook Village & Estates
Nov. 24 – 28 Lakewood

GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER Greenbelt Pets of the Month



QUINCY: About 2 years old. Spayed female muted calico. Very friendly and loves people. She would love to go home and be your one and only special cat.



BELLA: Four month old gray female kitten. She loves people and other cats. Extremely playful. She will entertain you for hours!

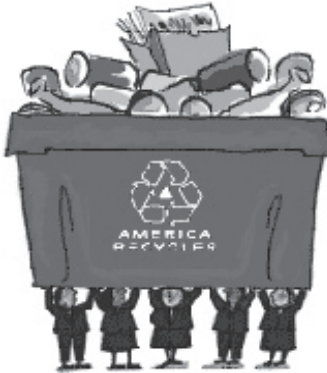


PEANUT: About 8 month old puggle. Very playful. Loves people and would always stay by your side. Looking for a permanent place to play and call home.

For more information on any of the other wonderful animals at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter, call 301.474.6124

Shelter Fundraiser Friday, November 14th from 6-9pm Singles Shindig

Get together with other animal lovers for fun, music with a DJ, refreshments and more! Admission: \$5.00 donation or shelter supplies (food, blankets, toys, etc.). Have a great time with some really nice people and animals too!



RECYCLE RIGHT "WIN WITH YOUR BIN"

You can win prizes by properly preparing your residential recycling bin during the next few weeks. Five winners will be selected: one winner from each of the four City Recycling Collection Routes and one winner from a Contractual Recycling Collection Route. Just make sure that you have clean, properly prepared recyclables set out on your collection day! Check out our website to see what goes in your bin: http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/public_works/index.htm#

Part of the AMERICA RECYCLES DAY Celebration. America Recycles Day is on November 15. Sponsored by the City of Greenbelt and the Metropolitan Council of Governments.



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state constitutional question to permit slot machine gaming at five locations within the state, none in this county. In the two precincts in Greenbelt Center, the proposal actually failed, with 53 percent of the voters opposed to the idea. The Springhill Lake precinct, however, gave it a rousing endorsement with over 70 percent of the votes cast there in support of the slots. The two Greenbelt East precincts supported the measure in pretty much the same ratio as unofficial state returns.

Greenbelters, as with the rest of the county, would rather support education through slot machine gaming than by paying more in taxes. The county proposal to raise the telephone tax was opposed by two out of three city voters. This measure received slightly stronger support from the Springhill Lake School precinct.

There was a good deal of financial backing provided to the pro-slots and anti-telephone tax questions. Greenbelters were bombarded for days with robot-telephone messages. Only a few of these were opposed to slots and none were fielded for the tax raise. Over the past weekend area highways were covered with placards saying “Strengthen Schools, No New Taxes,” opposing the slots measure. On Monday, state highway crews were busy removing them.

Other ballot questions, including the state question to approve early voting procedures

and county questions to approve bond issues won easily in Greenbelt.

Turnout

Surprisingly, Greenbelt voter turnout as a percentage of those registered, did not increase significantly, except for Precinct 21-8 voting at Springhill Lake Elementary School. In 2004, 59 percent of registered voters turned out. This year, 72 percent showed up. That precinct no longer holds the dishonor for having a much lower voter turnout than the rest of the city. Surprisingly, precinct 21-3, Greenbelt Community Center, at 71 percent turnout, achieved the low mark this time. Virtually tied for best turnout were 21-6, Greenbelt Elementary, and 21-18, Turning Point Academy, at 76 percent.

There were few problems reported at the polling places. Long lines formed everywhere well before the polls were opened but once opened, the lines were gone by 9 or 10 and, in Springhill Lake, by noon. Those lines did not reappear even in the late afternoon, as most voters were able to quickly walk in, cast their ballot and leave with an “I Voted” sticker on their shirt or jacket. The polls closed at 8 p.m. and most workers wrapped up before 11.

However, Prince George’s County was one of the last jurisdictions to post its election results on line. Its results, therefore, were not available for this article.

General Election -- Greenbelt Precincts							
Precinct Polling Place	(Unofficial Results)					Total	Percent
	21- 3 Community Center	21- 6 Greenbelt Elementary	21- 8 Springhill Lake	21-13 Eleanor Roosevelt	21-18 Turning Point Academy		
President - Vice President							
Obama-Biden	1,472	1,203	1,386	1,522	1,431	7,014	86%
McCain-Palin	326	359	49	151	142	1,027	13%
McKinney-Clemente	7	9	0	3	2	21	0%
Barr-Root	15	8	0	2	5	30	0%
Nader-Gonzalez	26	18	1	7	2	54	1%
Baldwin-Castle	2	1	1	5	3	12	0%
Write-in	6	10	1	1	4	22	0%
Total	1,854	1,608	1,438	1,691	1,589	8,180	100%
U.S. Congress							
Hoyer	1,477	1,241	1,273	1,485	1,405	6,881	88%
Bailey	208	231	53	119	97	708	9%
Nicholas	88	61	32	30	32	243	3%
Write-in	8	5	0	3	0	16	0%
Total	1,781	1,538	1,358	1,637	1,534	7,848	100%
State Question 1 - Early voting							
For	1,466	1,227	1,207	1,454	1,363	6,717	88%
Against	268	284	89	130	111	882	12%
Total	1,734	1,511	1,296	1,584	1,474	7,599	100%
State Question 2 - Slots							
For	848	728	945	941	819	4,281	55%
Against	945	832	391	658	693	3,519	45%
Total	1,793	1,560	1,336	1,599	1,512	7,800	100%
County Question F - Phone tax							
For	591	474	466	467	428	2,426	33%
Against	1,095	987	791	1,030	1,022	4,925	67%
Total	1,686	1,461	1,257	1,497	1,450	7,351	100%
Number Voting	1,863	1,612	1,440	1,695	1,592	8,202	
Unofficial Registration	2,632	2,132	1,999	2,249	2,101	11,113	
Turnout	71%	76%	72%	75%	76%	74%	

UM All-Campus Orchestra Performs

On Monday, November 10 at 8 p.m. the UM Repertoire Orchestra, Daniel Walshaw, conductor, will present a free concert in Dekelboum Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. The all-campus orchestra welcomes soloist Samantha Brenner, 2007 UMSO Concerto Competition runner-up, in a program that includes Weber’s Bassoon Concerto in F Major, op. 75.

Korean Concert Offered at UM

The Ensemble of the Korean National University of the Arts will perform a concert on Sunday, November 9 at 4 p.m. This guest ensemble of 10 outstanding professional and student musicians from Seoul, Korea, performs traditional and contemporary music. This free concert will take place in Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

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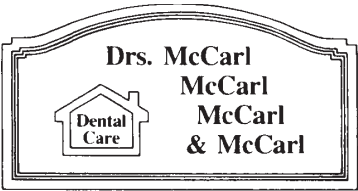
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Fresh Value Pack Boneless/Skinless Chicken Breast Tenders	\$1⁶⁷ lb.	Fresh Value Pack Center Cut Pork Chops Loin/Rib	\$1⁸⁸ lb.
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		Fresh Value Pack Boneless New York Strip Steaks	\$6⁹⁹ lb.
		Fresh Shurfine Homestyle Roasting Chicken	69¢ lb.
		Bar-s Original Jumbo Meat Franks 1 lb.	\$1⁰⁰

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Shurfine Cream Cheese 8 oz. brick	\$1⁰⁰	Crowley Sour Cream 16 oz.	\$1⁵⁰	Boar’s Head Oven Gold Turkey Breast	\$7⁹⁹ lb.
Health & Beauty		Seafood		Boar’s Head Vermont Cheddar Cheese	\$7⁹⁹ lb.
Colgate Tooth Paste Select Varieties 6 oz.	\$1⁵⁰	Seabest Cod or Perch Fillets	\$3⁹⁹ lb.	<div><div>FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE AT CO-OP</div><div>Saturday, Nov. 15 from Noon til 2pm \$20 Cash or Check While Supplies Last Call Store for Details</div></div>	
Tresemme Shampoo, Conditioner or Styler Assorted 7-32 oz.	\$3⁰⁰	Orion Quick Frozen 41/50 Count E-Z Peel Medium Shrimp 2 lb.	\$7⁸⁸		
Natural & Gourmet		Bakery		Back to Nature Natural Cookies 9.5 oz.	
Breyer’s Ice Cream Assorted 48-56 oz.	\$2⁸⁸	Hanover Country Fresh Vegetables Select Varieties 16 oz.	\$1⁰⁰	Stouffer’s Red Box Entrees & Dinners Select Varieties 6-21 oz.	\$2⁵⁰
Sara Lee Fruit Pies Apple/Cherry/Pumpkin 9 Inch	\$2⁹⁸	Fresh Store Baked Vienna Bread loaf	\$1⁴⁹	Apollinaris Sparkling Mineral Water 33.8 oz.	\$1⁴⁹
Fresh 8 inch Store Baked Apple Pie Dutch/French	\$3⁹⁹				

Grocery Bargains			
Bumble Bee Chunk White Albacore Tuna 6 oz.	78¢	Shurfine Original Soup Chicken Noodle or Tomato Soup 10 oz.	48¢
Campbell’s Canned Gravy Assorted 10 oz.	60¢	Post Honey Bunches of Oats Cereals Assorted 13-17 oz.	\$2⁵⁰
Ajax 2X Liquid Laundry Detergent 64 oz.	\$1⁹⁸	Shurfine Pasta Sauces Assorted 26 oz.	\$1⁰⁰
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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department,
<http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report"
or http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Assault
October 26, 4:46 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane, a person was assaulted by as many as four young men. The person was transported by ambulance to a hospital for what was described as a minor head injury. The suspects are described as four black males, 16 to 18 years of age; one had black hair and brown eyes.

Arson
October 29, 4:47 a.m., 5700 block Greenbelt Road, unknown person(s) set a vehicle on fire and pushed it off an unfinished bridge. Investigation is continuing.

Unattended Children
October 26, 10:10 a.m., 6200 block Cherrywood Terrace, a resident woman was arrested and charged with leaving children unattended. She was released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism
October 24, 8:30 a.m., Crescent Road and Centerway, unknown person(s) used spray paint to vandalize the underpass.

October 24, 9 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway, unknown person(s) vandalized the window frame of a residence.

October 29, 8:56 a.m., Spellman Overpass, unknown person(s) spray painted graffiti on the foot-bridge.

October 29, 9:40 a.m., Parkway, unknown person(s) used spray paint to vandalize several garages.

October 30, 7:10 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, unknown person(s) threw a rock through the bedroom window of a residence, shattering it.

October 31, 12:45 a.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, unknown person(s) threw a rock through a window of a residence, shattering it.

Burglaries
October 24, 3:16 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a burglary was reported but nothing appeared to have been taken.

October 28, 4:42 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, a video game player, a video game, clothing and money were among the items reported as taken.

Vehicle Crimes
The following vehicles were reported as stolen: a 1992 Lincoln Town Car 4-door from the 22 Court Ridge Road; a green 1997 Honda Civic 4-door, Maryland tags 7DYB59 from the 6200 block Breezewood Court; a gold Mazda 626 4-door, Maryland tags 83209CA from the 7500 block

Mandan Road; a gold 2008 Nissan Altima 4-door, Maryland tags 7DPJ32 from Walker and Capitol Drives; a 1997 Ford F510 truck from Maplewood Drive; a 2004 Dodge Durango from Maplewood Drive; a 1992 Honda Accord 4-door from the 9100 block Edmonston Court; a green 2002 Chevrolet Trail Blazer truck, Virginia tags KAR5515 from the 6900 block Hanover Parkway; a blue 2000 Plymouth Voyager, Maryland tags 1376M5 from the 6000 block Springhill Drive; and a blue 1999 Mercury van, D.C. tags DB7613 from Kenilworth Avenue and the Beltway.

Attempts to steal vehicles were reported at the 9100 block Springhill Lane, the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace and the 6100 block Breezewood Drive.

Four vehicles were recovered by outside departments; one adult arrest was made in one of the recoveries.

October 29, 8500 block Greenbelt Road, a 1998 Ford truck, reported stolen in Herndon, Va., was stopped by Greenbelt police. The driver, a Latino male, exited the truck and fled the scene on foot.

Theft from vehicles was reported in the following areas: 6300 and 6400 blocks Ivy Lane (GPS units), 7500 block Greenway Center Drive (rear tag), 7300 block Frankfort Court (two airbags), 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace (CD player), 2 Court Gardenway (two jackets), Greenway Center (wallet), 9100 block Edmonston Road (tags) and 69 Court Ridge Road (radio/CD player and flower baskets).

Attempted theft from vehicles was reported at 6900 block Hanover Parkway and 8000 block Mandan Road.

Vandalism to vehicles occurred at 9100 block Edmonston Road (flattened tire), 6100 block Springhill Terrace (broken window), 6100 block Breezewood Court (broken window) and 5900 block Cherrywood Lane (damaged door lock).

October 28, Roosevelt Center, a person saw two individuals involved in a physical altercation. During the fight one of the individuals pushed the other against a vehicle, damaging a door panel and breaking out a window; both then fled the scene. The suspects are described as a black male, 19 to 20 years of age, 6'2" to 6'4", 250 to 300 pounds; and a black male, 18 to 20 years of age, 5'9" to 5'11", 200 to 250 pounds with no shirt.

Local Officers Cited For DUI Reduction

On Sunday, October 5 three Greenbelt police officers were among 146 Maryland police officers cited for their outstanding commitment in the fight against drunk driving in the state. They were presented with the state's seventh annual "Impaired Driving Coalition DUI Law Enforcement Awards."

The ceremony sponsored by the State Highway Administration's Highway Safety Office and the Impaired Driving Coalition recognized Greenbelt Officers David Marsh and Michael Apgar for their efforts in DUI enforcement. Master Police Officer Scott Kaiser was honored with the "Outstanding Innovative Award" for his role in spearheading and/or maintaining innovative DUI enforcement, education and training programs within the Greenbelt Police Department.

The awards are presented each year to police officers around the state with the highest number of DUI arrests for the calendar year. The ceremony was preceded by a luncheon for the awardees and their families. Over 400 officers, family and friends attended this event.

Learn more at www.choosafetyforlife.com.

Steeler Gives Police a New K-9

Pittsburgh Steelers Quarterback Ben Roethlisberger has awarded the Greenbelt Police Department a grant for the purchase of a new K-9. The grant is part of Roethlisberger's foundation, The Giving Back Fund. Police say the grant is especially important because K-9 Cigo, recently injured in the line of duty, has been retired.

Chief James R. Craze said the K-9 unit was facing a reduction from four dogs to three and that Roethlisberger's gift assures them of the opportunity to be a full-strength unit. He says the city and the police want to thank the foundation and may even name the new dog Ben.

The foundation provides support for police and fire departments throughout the country. More information about the Roethlisberger Foundation is available at www.givingback.org and www.bigben7.com.

Annual Cleanup Day Is Saturday, Nov. 15

The Annual Fall Countywide Community Cleanup Day in Prince George's County will take place on Saturday, November 15. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end with a "Thank You Celebration" at 12:30 p.m. at Watkins Regional Park at 301 Watkins Drive, Upper Marlboro. All interested individuals and organizations are encouraged to join together for this Fall Cleanup event. Prince George's County will supply materials such as gloves, vests and trash bags, as well as pick-up of bagged litter that is collected and left in designated areas of communities.

To participate in this event and for more information call 301-883-5600 or email NOBLIGHT@co.pg.md.us.

Montpelier Offers Photography Show

During November, Montpelier Mansion is offering a free photography exhibit of its grounds in celebration of the mansion's 225th anniversary. All photos were taken by visitors and are of the mansion grounds surrounding the house. Professional photographers awarded first, second and third prizes. While visiting, guests can take a free tour of the mansion.

For more information call Holly Burnham, director of education at 301-953-1376, email holly.burnham@pgparks.com or visit the website at www.pgparks.com.

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The workshop dates are Wednesday, November 15 at the Greenbelt Community Center, Room #114, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. On Wednesday, November 12, the class is from 7:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. On

Saturday, November 15, the class is from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. The workshop is being taught by Susan Newland, CPA, an expert on paying for college, who has a tax, accounting and financial planning practice located in Beltsville, Maryland.

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work very hard to get interesting speakers and activities for their meetings and passed out a calendar inviting all to attend ERHS PTA meetings.

Kowtha was very concerned however, at the siphoning off of specific programs at the high school. The German program is no longer at Eleanor Roosevelt and there is a chance that the school will lose its Russian language program also. He would like to see more languages taught at the middle school level that would lead toward a stronger language need at ERHS.

Back-to-school night is usually a well attended meeting in September; however, several PTA members commented that there was an overlap between several schools this year. Most of the Greenbelt schools participated in a new county initiative – fathers coming to school with their children on Columbus Day. Ideas that were shared to increase PTA meeting participation included a health fair, bingo night and a multicultural dinner. Randall Pippen, Magnolia PTA president, invited all to participate in Magnolia’s Holiday Bazaar on December 6.

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Our sympathy to Karl Gary and family on the death of his father Keith Gary.

Condolences to Frank and Sheldon Pearlman on the death of Alice Pearlman, Frank's wife and Sheldon's mother.

Congratulations to

— ERHS grads now at the University of Maryland Isime-men Ojeabulu and Abisoye Oki, who were selected among five county high school graduates to receive Prince George's County International Ambassador Study Abroad Scholarships. Ojeabulu, a biology/pre-med student will study in Chile; Oki, majoring in accounting/government and politics, will study in South Africa during the upcoming winter and spring terms. Meant to encourage global literacy among county public school students of color, the scholarships are for \$1,000 to \$1,500. The remaining funds earmarked for the program will be used for additional students chosen in February for study abroad during the summer of 2009.

— Holden Lee, Carola Purser, Alexander Rilee, Kenrick Rilee, Danielle Rossoni and Sarah Straney of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, who have been

named National Merit Scholarship semifinalists for 2009. They are among 15,000 students with outstanding academic records nationwide competing for 8,200 National Merit Scholarships worth over \$34 million that is to be awarded in April.

— Jonathan Abraham, Abidemi Adenikinju, Kahlil Blount, Yasmin Boakye, Danielle DaCosta, Godly Jack, Akosua Johnson, Aria Miles, Vivianne Oyefusi, Ashley Powers and Neima Rahim of Eleanor Roosevelt High School who are semifinalists for 2009 National Achievement Scholarships. For scholastically talented African American high school students, the students compete for 700 scholarships worth over \$1.7 million that will be awarded next spring.

A warm welcome to Thomas Brandon Yarwood, born October 30, 2008, to Beth and Jon Yarwood of Luray, Va. His paternal grandmother is Joyce Yarwood of Greenbelt and his paternal grandfather is William Yarwood of Anchorage, Alaska. The maternal grandparents are Charles and Sharon Marcey of Luray, Va.

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— Kathleen McFarland

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funds must be spent by December 31 of next year.

The sample flyer provided to council showed a deadline for applications of 4 p.m., December 30 of this year, so interested residents should watch for program announcements in this newspaper, the city newsletter and the city website. Applications will be reviewed on a first-come first-served basis and applicants will have to provide proof of their gross monthly income and assets.

Bowie Bill

Council voted to support the most recent approach of county municipalities toward their gaining greater planning and zoning authorities. In 2005 a law authorized the Prince George's County Council to delegate certain site plan-related authorities to county municipalities. Since that time, however, the county council has declined to pass enabling legislation permitting any municipalities to take on these responsibilities. The municipalities have made several attempts to spur the county council to enact such legislation, according to Assistant City Manager David Moran's written agenda comments. Greenbelt's representative on the County Council Ingrid Turner has told the city that there is no support for such enabling legislation among the county councilmembers, Moran wrote.

Attorney John Shay, Jr., sitting in for City Solicitor Robert Manzi, told council that municipalities in all counties other than Prince George's and Montgomery, already have independent planning and zoning authority.

Bowie has drafted a bill for consideration by the state General Assembly that would require the county council to delegate these

authorities to municipalities that request them. There will be a public hearing on this bill on November 5 at 7 p.m. at Prince George's Community College.

Council voted unanimously to support the Bowie bill. (MC/PG 108-09).

Other Actions

In other actions council:

- Referred a petition requesting that a pedestrian-activated traffic signal be installed on Crescent Rd at the crosswalk in place of the current flashing light near St. Hugh's School to staff for evaluation and review. The petition had 126 signatures.

- Unanimously approved adding Avrio Group to the list of vendors from which city staff are authorized to purchase goods and services totaling, more than \$10,000 during the fiscal year without taking bids. Avrio installed the surveillance cameras in Roosevelt Center and staff recommends that they be used for the cameras at the Spellman Overpass.

- Directed staff to contact the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to explore incorporating a swearing-in service for new citizens into Greenbelt Day weekend (possibly on the Friday before or Monday after to meet the agency's concerns about weekend ceremonies). Mayor Davis suggested this action after observing a similar event in Gaithersburg.

- Renewed the fire department's lease for two years at a cost of \$10 per year plus the cost of utilities.

- Reappointed Keith Chernikoff and Sheldon Goldberg to the Advisory Planning Board and Bill Holland and Silke Pope to the Public Safety Advisory Committee.



The early morning rush of voters at Greenbelt Elementary School, Precinct 21-6.

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essential component for fire protection in Prince George's County. He noted that, "no one needing emergency medical service asks if you [the responder] are a county fireman or a volunteer. They just want help when they need it."

Because the current situation was nearing resolution, the GVFD&RS representatives at the meeting wanted to make sure that any final memorandum of understanding reflected the concerns of the volunteers. One area specifically mentioned was a recent decision by the county to charge the users of EMS (ambulance) services in the county a service fee for the emergency service.

The rationale for this decision is that the patient's health insurance and Medicare or Medicaid insurers reimbursed the costs for those services. Since the county had to be the "billing agent" for such charges and for receiving payment, GVFD&RS officials expressed concern they would potentially lose those payments, which currently help fund supplies and new equipment.

Herman, who has been involved in both the county's new policy and discussions with the volunteers, assured GVFD&RS officials that the interests of volunteer companies would be protected. Each company would have a special billing code, he said, to track payments attributed to their services.

Both Johnson and King of the Volunteer Chief's Association affirmed that that would be the case. King indicated that, in his view, all parties are working together and having very productive meetings.

Development Issues

Several agenda items dealt either with development issues or transportation projects and involved some tension between longstanding Greenbelt City Council positions and recent positions taken by the county executive. Davis and members of council expressed concern that a soccer stadium had been proposed by the county for the still not developed Greenbelt Station property. They felt the city should have been involved in any such discussions since the city has a binding agreement with the developer of Greenbelt Station on what is allowed under the approved project site plan.

Johnson took a somewhat standoffish stance regarding the soccer stadium proposal. He indicated to council that he is "just a facilitator, not an advocate," for development in the county. He noted that the Stadium Authority holds responsibility for all stadiums proposed for the state. He allowed that owners

of the soccer team should have an opportunity to discuss the project with city officials.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts took the hardest line during this discussion. Along with his colleagues he challenged any proposal that considers a soccer stadium an appropriate use for the Metro site or the surrounding area.

ICC

Davis noted that Johnson had joined other county officials in a joint letter to the governor regarding the drastic reduction in transportation funding for local road projects because of the increasing cost for the Intercounty Connector (ICC).

Johnson told council they should not read into that letter that he opposes the ICC. "I am a supporter of the ICC because it is needed (to serve) the Konterra development in Laurel," he said. Johnson believes there will be a meeting with the governor on transportation budget issues. His main concern, he said, is the basic unfairness of cuts made to Prince George's in relation to the treatment of other counties in the state.

Purple Line

In addition to its concern with the ICC and the proposed expansion of Kenilworth Avenue (Rte. 201) north to Muirkirk Road and possibly to connect with the eastern terminus of the ICC, councilmembers urged Johnson to support the Purple Line, for which funding also had been reduced in deference to the ICC. The council's message was that public transit should always be chosen over new roadways.

Greenbelt also expressed concern regarding the developing County Transit Service and Operation Plan (TSOP) which includes possible changes relating to "The Bus" service in Greenbelt. Johnson noted there will likely be a new company taking over the operation of The Bus and investing additional funds in the service.

He also shared Greenbelt's concern with The Bus, he said, and described a new electronic messaging system to advise users of schedules and times of arrivals for various stops. Councilmember Konrad Herling briefed county officials on the progress of the Council of Governments-supported transportation planning grant to evaluate better transit connectivity in and around Greenbelt.

GAIL

After expressing appreciation for county efforts in the area of Livable Communities, Davis provided an outline of a recent Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program supporting efforts for qualified Greenbelt residents

to make home modifications to enable seniors and disabled adults to stay in their homes as long as possible. The city program recently had been awarded a Community Development Block Grant to fund such improvements.

Public Safety

In the area of Public Safety, Councilmembers expressed appreciation for being included in the county's new public safety communications system but noted that municipalities will likely need assistance in funding for new mobile radios to make full use of the system. Johnson said he was aware of that problem; he noted that he and county representatives recently met with the Municipal Police Chiefs' Association and offered to look into the possibility of Homeland Security funding for the purchase of radios.

Home Invasion

Also raised in the context of public safety was a recent concern regarding the lack of communication between county and local police departments, as evidenced by the home invasion that had happened in Berwyn Heights this past summer. Johnson noted that he also was looking for more cooperation among respective law enforcement agencies. He said he is working with the Municipal Police Chiefs Association on a new plan as well.

Another area addressed at the meeting was a need for a Landlord/Tenant Commission to deal with instances where apartment owners make unreasonable rent increases and afford tenants little time to act. The second issue was the city's difficulty with timely processing of construction or renovation permits, the city has filed with the county for some of its capital projects.

In response to the first item Johnson was aware of the situation with landlord/tenant relations and he noted that a county judge agrees that consideration be given to reconstituting a Landlord/Tenant Commission.

For the item related to the lag time for city permits, Johnson seemed to use the heightened pace of development activity as a possible excuse for the city's not getting satisfactory service for its permits. He noted that development activity at Konterra, the University of Maryland, National Harbor and the University Town Centre kept all of the staff busy in the county permit office.

In response to the city's characterization of their permit reviews as moving at a "glacial" pace, Johnson looked to his associates and indicated that the city should see some "de-icing" in that area.